

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

Kansas Immunization Program

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VFC Consultant On-Call

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CHIEF CHAT

It is difficult to believe that 2018 is almost over and we will soon start a new year. As we hurry about with so many different events and activities, the Kansas Immunization Program (KIP) staff would like to take a moment to just say thank you for all you have done this year to keep Kansans safe from vaccine preventable diseases. You are the unsung heroes who faces the challenges each day to assure vaccines are administered.

This will be the last issue of *What's Happening Wednesday* for 2018 due to holiday schedules and upcoming travel. We look forward to being back on schedule January 9, 2019 with the next issue.

The American College of Physicians (ACP) is offering a new online resource called the [Adult Immunization Resource Hub](#). This resource was developed as part of ACP's *I Raise the Rates* initiative to assist physicians and their teams to assess, understand, and improve adult immunization rates and patient outcomes in their clinical settings. *I Raise the Rates* is a collaborative, data-driven campaign to support patients, physicians, healthcare teams, systems, and communities in raising adult immunization rates and reducing vaccine-preventable

diseases. The program seeks to assist internists and other primary care providers in both understanding the immunization rates of their patients and making practice changes that promote immunizations.

There is a current vaccine trial in stage 3 with at least one site in Kansas investigating PCV 15. If a person involved in the trial presents for other vaccinations, you may find a noted vaccine administered under this trial in WebIZ as an unspecified formulation of PCV with a note that this is clinical trial vaccination. It does not impact the recommender and should not be considered in the clinical decisions about which vaccines to administer.

The Immunization Action Plan Aid to Local applications will be opened in the Kansas Grant Management System next month. All health departments are eligible for these funds as always. This year, we will be returning to the applications all being submitted directly to the KIP and will discontinue the joint applications with the Maternal Child Health program. More information will be shared as the open application phase approaches in January.



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KSWebIZ

More Improvements to Serve You Better

KSWebIZ will be undergoing an upgrade to version 18.7 of the application. The system will be down from 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm on Monday, December 17, 2018 while the upgrade is being performed. Any HL7 messages received during this time will be placed in a queue until the upgrade is complete and then released.

A few notable changes include, if a patient does not have a mailing address saved on their demographics, then the physical address will be displayed in the patient search results. When creating a NEW vaccine return only, Cancel will delete the return and any added lines if the user has not yet clicked Create. Users will no longer receive a server error when viewing the Clinic Staff page if

any record(s) have a NULL contact type. When uploading temperature readings for Berlinger units, WebIZ will check line 16 of the file for the temperature scale (C or F) and convert the readings to display the data in the scale defined on the Tools Settings page for the selected provider/clinic. Uploaded continuous temperature monitoring temperature readings will now display in the correct sort order.

A document describing the most notable new features and updates to the application is available on KSWebIZ. The document is titled KSWebIZ 18.7 Release Contents and can be found on the news section or the reports tab under the documents section.

Vaccine Information Statement Current Publication Date			
Anthrax	3/21/18	Tdap	2/24/15
Chickenpox	2/12/18	MMRV	2/12/18
DTaP/DT/DTP	8/24/18	Multi-vaccine	11/05/15
Hepatitis A	7/20/16	PCV 13	11/05/15
Hepatitis B	10/12/18	PPSV	4/24/15
Hib	4/2/15	Polio	7/20/16
HPV	12/2/16	Rabies	10/6/09
Influenza (LAIV4)	8/07/15	Rotavirus	2/23/18
Influenza (IIV3 or IIV4)	8/07/15	Shingles	2/12/18
Japan. enceph.	1/24/14	Smallpox	10/01/09
MenACWY	8/24/18	Td	4/11/17
MenB	8/09/16	Typhoid	5/29/12
MMR	2/12/18	Yellow fever	3/30/11



INJECTION OF EDUCATION

Some providers have questions regarding Meningococcal B Vaccine and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for its use. To review, there are 2 types of vaccine recommendations given by the ACIP. Category A recommendations mean that everyone within a specific age group or with a specific medical condition should receive the vaccine. Category B recommendations mean it is not routinely recommended for everyone. In the case of the Meningococcal B Vaccine, it warrants a discussion between the provider and parent and/or patient. The [*Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\), May 19, 2017/ 66\(19\):509-513*](#), states, “Adolescents and young adults aged 16-23 years may also be vaccinated with MenB vaccines to provide short-term protection against most strains of serogroup B meningococcal disease.

Recently, Paul Offit, MD, the Director of the Vaccine Education Center and attending physician in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, [*recorded a short video*](#). In This video, Dr. Offit discusses the Meningococcal B vaccine recommendation and his recommendation for the use of the Meningococcal B vaccine.

Gary Marshall, MD, Professor of Pediatrics; Chief, Division of Pediatric Infectious Disease; Director, Pediatric Clinical Trials Unit; University of Louisville School of Medicine, and Litjen Tan, MS, Ph.D., Chief Strategy Office, Immunization Action Coalition; Co-Chair, national Adult Immunization Summit, national Influenza Vaccine Summit, co-wrote an article in [*Pediatrics, May 2017, Volume 139 / Issue 5*](#). In the article they state, “It is important to understand that a Category B recommendation is a “recommendation” as opposed to a “non-recommendation.” They go on to say, “...not discussing MenB disease and the vaccine that is currently available should not be an option.”

Although there may not be many cases of Meningococcal B disease yearly, the disease can have devastating effects on those that do contract it. Take a few minutes to review the articles above and to plan those conversations you want to have with parents and patients.

Influenza Surveillance December 11, 2018



Forty Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) sites in Kansas are monitoring patients for influenza-like illness (ILI) – symptoms include a fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$) and the presence of a cough and/ or sore throat. ILINet sites are also asked to submit up to five specimens for testing at the Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL). These specimens help monitor what types of influenza are present in Kansas. During the week ending December 1st, ILINet sites reported 1.3% of visits were due to ILI. There have been no positive influenza specimens tested at KHEL although KDHE has received reports of positive influenza tests across the state. Any facility interested in participating in ILINet should contact Amie Cook at amie.cook@ks.gov or (785) 296-2898. Stay updated on influenza activity at <http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm>.



VAX FACTS

A “Go-To” for Vaccine Administration Resources

Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) [Clinic Tools: Administering Vaccines](#) web page on immunize.org is the “go-to” place for resources on vaccine administration, making it easy to find a wide variety of educational materials, resources, and tools related to vaccine administration from IAC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other IAC partner organizations. This web page can be found by selecting the “Clinic Tools” tab (third from the left) in the light blue banner across the top of every immunize.org web page and then selecting “Administering Vaccines” in the drop-down menu.

In the left-hand column of the page you will find IAC's educational materials related to vaccine administration. From here, you can access handouts and standing orders templates, as well as links to other related resources available on immunize.org.

The right-hand column of the page includes resources from CDC and other partner organizations. For example, the second resource listed under CDC, the [Vaccination Administration Resource Library](#), brings readers directly to the web page with CDC's e-Learn 18 vaccine administration video clips. These video clips, ranging from around three to nine minutes in length, have been excerpted for quick access from the e-Learn course. In this column, additional vaccine administration educational resources can be accessed from other IAC partners as well, including the Alliance for Immunization in Michigan, California Department of Public Health's EZ-IZ website, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Visit the [Clinic Tools: Administering Vaccines](#) web page on immunize.org.

Vaccine Redistribution

Please email any additions or changes to be made on the Vaccine Redistribution lists with subject matter “Redistribution” to kdhe.vaccine@ks.gov or call toll free at 1-877-296-0464 [Vaccine Redistribution information and lists](#).

REMINDERS: Providers may place the excess doses on the KIP Redistribution list if:

1. The vaccine has a minimum of 90 days and a maximum of 365 days before the vaccine's expiration date.
2. The ordering provider is responsible for any doses which expire on the redistribution list that have not been accepted for transfer to another VFC provider.
3. Providers accepting vaccine from the redistribution list are responsible for using the doses once they are transferred. KIP encourages providers to accept only doses they can administer before the expiration date.
4. The transferring and receiving provider will document these doses on their monthly reconciliation reports as transferred vaccines.
5. Once vaccine is transferred please contact KIP to let us know so we can adjust the redistribution list by either deleting the line or by reducing the amount of doses.
6. All vaccines must be in full boxes.
7. The KIP Regional Immunization Consultant who is on call must be contacted prior to transferring vaccine.
8. Providers are responsible for keeping KIP notified if there is a change in amount of doses available for redistribution.
9. When placing an order, you may be contacted if the vaccine you are trying to order is on the redistribution list.
10. Varicella and Proquad will not be posted on the VFC or Private Vaccine Redistribution List. Frozen Varivax vaccines are very intolerant to out of range temperatures. To prevent potential vaccine waste the KIP requests that Varivax containing vaccines not be transferred to other providers.